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(a) hybridizing oligonucleotide primers to identified flanking repeat sequences in the cassette array;

(b) amplifying the DNA between the hybridized primers of step (a) to produce DNA fragments which contain one or more genes; and

(c) ligating the DNA fragments of step (b) into a vector for cloning the one or more genes in a host cell.

A marked-up version of claim 1 is attached hereto.

#### **REMARKS**

Claims 7-14 and 17 are allowed while claims 1-6 and 18-20 stand rejected. Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy of a telephone interview on April 24, 2003 for purposes of discussing issues relating to the Silver reference. As a result of the conversation, Applicants have amended claim 1. No new matter has been added. Support for the term "flanking " can be found on page 15, line 29. The changes are intended to clarify the present claimed subject matter. Element (a) and (b) have been merged for purposes of clarifying the order of steps as discussed with the Examiner on April 24, 2003.

**Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §112**